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[PRICE SIXPENCE.]

Theatre-Royal.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, will be presented,
A Comedy called
THE INCONSTANT;
OR, THE WAY TO WIN HIM.
Captain Duret, Mr. WOODS.—Mirabel, Mr. MELVIN.
Old Mirabel, —— Mr. ROCK.
Oriana, Miss GOUGH.—Bifare, Mrs. KEMBLE.
To which will be added,
NO SONG NO SUPPER.
Margaretta, —— Mr. HINDMARSH.
Between the Play and Force, a favourite DUET in character,
TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE ROBERT BURNS,
By Mr. COOKE and Mr. DENMAN.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, will be presented,
By desire of the Right Hon. the Countess of BALCARAS,
A Manuscript Comedy called
THE HEIR AT LAW.

THEATRE-ROYAL.

M SCHETZY most respectfully informs the Nobility
GENTRY, and the PUBLIC, That his

C O N C E R T
Is Fixed for FRIDAY the 9th of FEBRUARY.

Mr SCHETZY begs leave to mention here, that on the same
seventy-six years past, he arrived in Edinburgh—since which
time he has been honoured with the most generous patronage,
and humbly hopes no part of his conduct has forfeited the faint
Particulars will be mentioned in future.

Tickets and Places for the Boxes, to be had at the Box-office—
at Mr SCHETZY's, Fowlis's Clove—and at the Music Shops.

Pit and Boxes, 3s.—Galleries, 2s.

Doors to open at Six, and to begin at Seven.

GOLD, SILVER, AND JEWELLERY.

WILLIAM and PATRICK CUNNINGHAM most
respectfully acquaint the Public, That in consequence of
some mistakes which have recently occurred, they find it necessary
to say, they have no concern with a shop for the Sale of
Jewellery, &c. lately opened on the South Bridge by Mr A. CUN-
NINGHAM, writer, Edinburgh; and therefore request, that their
Friends, when they have occasion to oblige them with orders,
will call first to their Shop, fourth end of the Earthern Mound,
as formerly.

For the liberal patronage they have hitherto received, they
beg leave to offer most grateful acknowledgments; and at some
time embrace the opportunity of informing, that they continue
to manufacture SILVER PLATE and JEWELLERY, in all
the branches, under their own immediate inspection, by the
most eminent workmen—so that they may with confidence af-
ford the Public, that every article sent from their shop will be
found to combine the most finished elegance of fashion with
substantial workmanship, not inferior in any respect, to the pro-
ducts of the sister kingdom, and on terms more moderate.

The Public have the additional advantage of getting articles
modified to their own pleasure and taste.

The best price, in money or exchange, for Gold, Silver
Jewels, &c.

CARRIAGES FOR SALE.

At the Coach Yard of Browns and Co. Abbotsford, Edinburgh,
A second-hand fashionable English-made PHAETON, with
plated mounting, w/roof, swed cape, and harness for two
horses.

A fashionable new GIGG, with sword cape, and plated
mounting, for coach-sprung, with or without horses.
Two good second-hand two-wheeled CHAISEES, with roofs
and harness for each.

QUEENSFERRY PASSAGE-BOATS TO BE LET.
To be let for one year, or for three years, as shall be agreed on,
from the term of Whitunday first 1798.

THE FOUR BOATS on the passage betwixt the South and
North Queensferry, with their yaws and furniture.—
Persons inclining to become tacksmen, may give in their pro-
posals in writing, sealed up, either to John Dundas, W. S. E-
dinburgh, or Captain James Taylor, Queensferry, or before
the 16th February current. The persons proposing to
become tacksmen, will please mention in their offers, what
they will give for a lease for one year, and what rent for
a lease for three years.

The proprietors of the boats are to meet at Newhalls on
17th February current, when the offers made will be taken in
consideration.

CARRONHALL COAL FOR SEA-SALE.

THE Public, and particularly the Owners and Masters of
Vessels engaged in the Coal Trade, are desired to be informed, That the Great of Carronhall Main and Split Coal,
are now wholly sold to Sea, a constant and regular supply,
therefore, may be depended on at CARRONSHORE, which
is about one mile above Grangemouth. The superior quality
of Carronhall Coal, is universally known, it is unnecessary to
say anything on the subject.

Ship Masters will please take notice, that a regulation has
lately been adopted, attended with the greatest advantage in the
loading of coals at Carronshore, for the coasting trade. To wit,
their vessels are now cleared out of Grangemouth in place of
Borrowstounness as formerly, by which much time and trouble
is saved to shipmasters.

The usual rate of one month is allowed on giving a good bill,
or 10 per cent. discount on that period for ready money.

For information as to other particulars, application may be
made to George Cate, the manager at Carronhall farm, by
Eskirk.

To Mrs SPILSBURY, Soho Square.

MADAM,
It is with great gratitude and thankfulness I announce to you,
that I have been cured of an inveterate Scurvy by the use
of your excellent Drops, after having been afflicted 13 years,
and despairing of ever being able to find any relief, as all the
means I had used proved ineffectual. When I first commenced
taking your invaluable medicine, I could scarce get my living;
but after I had taken only one bottle, I found a considerable alter-
cation, which encouraged me to persevere; and, by the bles-
sing of God, I am now restored to perfect health,

Your most humble servant,
JOHN COLE,
No. 4, Brother's Buildings,
Queen Anne Street, East.

I believe the relation given by Mr Cole of his cure to be
entirely true. George Cuffe, No. 115, Wardour Street, Soho.

The drops are sold at the Dispensary in Soho Square—and
Mr SCOTT, Apothecary, and 2 South Bridge,

Mr J. BAXTER, Italian Warehouse, Edinburgh,
Are appointed Wholesale Agents, where the inhabitants of
Scotland, and the Venders of patent medicines may be sup-
plied on the same terms as at the Dispensary, Soho Square.

The drops may also be had in bottles of 1s. 2s. and 5s.
each, duty included, of

Mr John Buchanan, jun. Sun Fire Office, Glasgow.
Mr Kelie, perfumer, N. Town, Perth.
J. Memmings and J. Duncan, Glasgow.
A. Barry, Paisley.
Madelan, Greenock.
McIntosh, Inglis & Willson, Inverness.—Tho. Cave, Banff.
John Allan, Dundee.
Mr Scott, surgeon, Kelso.
Mr Dick, surgeon, Dundee.
Mr Anderson, Stirling.

This day is Published,
Printed for T. CADELL and W. BAILY, London,
and WILLIAM CREUCH, Edinburgh.

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CIES.

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Professor of Natural Philosophy, and Secretary to the Royal

Society of Edinburgh.

Nam tu res agitur partes cum proximis artis.

Of William Creech may also be had,

Murphy's Account of Portugal, with a map, and 15 beau-
tiful plates, quarto, 1s. 5s.

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vols. 8vo. 1s. 1s.

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with fine plates, new edition, 6s.

Smollett's Works, complete, with his Life, &c. by Dr Moore,
elegantly printed in 8 vols. 8vo. 3s. 3s.

DUNDEE INFIRMARY.

A General Meeting of the SUBSCRIBERS to the DUN-
DEE INFIRMARY, is to be held in the Infirmary on
Monday the 5th February next, at twelve o'clock noon.

Dundee, 25th January, 1798.

COUNTY OF AYR.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT of the County of Ayr requests
a Meeting of the Deputy Lieutenants, and the Justices of
Peace, at Ayr upon Monday next the 5th of February at 12
o'clock, when matters of material consequence to the country
will be laid before the meeting, on which account a full attendance
is expected. By order of the Lord Lieutenant,
AYR, Jan. 29, 1798. JOHN BOSWELL, Sec.

MAHOGANY, CLOVER SEED, &c.

ON CONSIGNMENT.

To be SOLD, by public roup, on Friday 2d February curr.
in the Timber Yard of SCOTT and REID, Leith, at 12 o'clock noon.

FOURTEEN LOGS MAHOGANY,
7 FLANKS PURPLE WOOD,
50 LOGS WAINSCOT, and
10 TERCES RED CLOVER SEED.

LEITH, 24th January, 1798.

TOBACCO AND COFFEE.

To be Sold by Public Roup, on Friday the 9th February, at
Mrs Blackhall's, Assembly Rooms, Leith, at 12 o'clock noon.

FORTY-THREE HOGHEADS TOBACCO in hand.

Ten Barrels COFFEE.

The above Goods are newly imported, and well worth the
attention of dealers.

Samples to be seen at the Warehouse of Robert Brunton,
merchant, Leith.

HOUSE IN GEORGE STREET FOR SALE.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffe-
house, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 9th day of February
next, at two o'clock afternoon.

THAT ELEGANT HOUSE, No. 44, north side of George
Street, consisting of fifteen fire-rooms, besides various
conveniences, together with back area, coach house, stables, &c.
all as presently published by Mrs Drummond of Meggins.

The house is in the most complete repair; and a purchaser
may have access at Whitunday next.

Apply to Messrs. Dundas and Robertson, clerks to the signet.

A COUNTRY RESIDENCE IN RENFREWSHIRE.

To be LET furnished, for three or four years,
THE VILLA of CATHCART, with office-houses, garden,
and ten or twelve acres of ground, situated on the banks of
the Cart, three miles south of Glasgow, on the great road
between Glasgow and Ayr.

The house consists of dining-room, drawing room, parlour,
and six bed-rooms, kitchen, laundry, and cellars. Entry at
Whitunday first.

Apply to Robert Hill, writer to the signet, North Charlotte
Street, Edinburgh, or James Hill, writer, Glasgow.

Not to be repeated.

TO BE SOLD,

By public roup, within John's Coffeeshouse, Edinburgh, upon
Monday the 19th day of February curr. between the hours of
six and seven afternoon.

AN ADJUDICATION over the houses and feu-duties in Ni-
colson's Park, which belonged and were payable to the
deceased James Reikie, glazier in Edinburgh.

The house lies about the middle of Nicolson's Street, on the
west side, and possessed by William Logan and others, the rents
amounting in whole to 17l. Sterling, and the feu-duties are
payable by the Earl of Leven and others, amounting to
1. 5: 14: 11: 4-12ths. The sums in the Adjudication accumulated
upon the 15th June last, are 429l. and 30l. Sterling, both
carrying interest from that date.

For further particulars, apply to Mr John Buchan, ac-
countant in Edinburgh, or Mr John Moir, writer to the signet.

SALE OF LANDS IN STIRLING-SHIRE, &c.

To be SOLD, by public roup, about the end of March next,
if not previously sold by private bargain.

THE LANDS and ESTATE of Airthrey, in separate
Lots or Parcels. The particular day of roup, and the
distinct lots in which the Lands are to be exposed, will be pub-
lished soon.

MILLS, LANDS, AND DISTILLERY.

To be SOLD by public roup, in the house of Mrs Thomson,
vintner, Glasgow, on Wednesday the 14th February 1798, at
two o'clock afternoon.

THE Subjects after mentioned, lying in the parish of Kirk-
intilloch, and shire of Dunbarton, either in whole, or
in the following lots, viz.

LOT I. The MILLS and Mill Lands of DUNTIBLAE.

LOT II. The DISTILLERY of DUNTIBLAE, with the
new dwelling house, and commodious buildings and offices, suit-
able for the bullock.

LOT III. The LANDS of DUNTIBLAE-CORSEHILL.—

AND, LOT IV. The LANDS of DUNTIBLAE-GLENHEAD,
with the mansion-house, offices, and garden, beautifully situated
on the banks of the Luggie.

The rental of the above property is at present nearly 350l.
Sterling per annum.

The Mills, which are in the best order, have a most exten-
sive thrillage, and constant supply of water; and, from their sit-
uation within a mile of the Great Canal, and the town of
Kirkintilloch, are well adapted for carrying on the grain busi-
ness in a great line. Part of the price, if desired, may remain in
the purchaser's hands for some time, on proper security.

Further particulars may be had, by applying to the proprie-
tor on the premises, or Archibald Smith, and William Craw-
ford, writers, Hutcheson Street, Glasgow; or John Dillon, writer
in Edinburgh, either of whom will treat as to a private
sale.

The FURNITURE and Effects at present within the house,
with a neat two-wheeled CHAISE, are to be roused on Tues-
day the 6th February next, after which access may be got to the
whole subject.

For further particulars application may be made to Charles
Hay, writer in Cupar Angus.

August 16, 1797.

JOHN COLE,
No. 4, Brother's Buildings,
Queen Anne Street, East.

I believe the relation given by Mr Cole of his cure to be
entirely true. George Cuffe, No. 115, Wardour Street, Soho.

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Mr Kelie, perfumer, N. Town, Perth.

J. Memmings and J. Duncan, Glasgow.

A. Barry, Paisley.

ST. JAMES'S, January 24. 1798.

This day Count de Tarentzien, sent from his Majesty, the King of Prussia, to notify his accession to the throne of that kingdom, had an audience of leave of his Majesty:

To which he was introduced by the Right Hon. Lord Grenville, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Sir Stephen Cottrell, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

DOWNING STREET, January 27.

The King has been pleased to approve of the appointment of John Ross, Esq. to be his Sicilian Majesty's Vice-Consul at Gibraltar.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Jan. 27. 1798.

Copy of a letter from Captain GRAHAM MOORE, Commander of his Majesty's ship Melampus, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated at sea, the 16th instant.

SIR,

I HAVE to acquaint you, for the information of their Lordships, that this day, at noon, his Majesty's ships Melampus and Seahorse captured La Belliqueux, a French corvette, now fitted as a privateer, nine days from St Malo, pierced for 20 guns, mounting 14 eight-pounders and 4 carronades, and 120 men. On the 11th instant, she captured his Majesty's packet Prince Ernest, from Tortola; but I am happy to add, that the Captain and all but four of the packet's crew are retaken in La Belliqueux. I am, Sir. &c.

GRAHAM MOORE.

Copy of a letter from Admiral PEYTON, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Downs, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board the Overyssel, the 23d instant.

SIR,

I HEREBY inclose, for their Lordships information, a letter I have just received from Captain Lloyd, of his Majesty's sloop Raccoon, giving an account of his having captured La Penee French schooner privateer, that left Dieppe on Sunday last, but had not taken any thing. I am, &c.

JOSEPH PEYTON.

Raccoon, Dover Roads, January 23. 1798.

SIR,

I beg leave to acquaint you, that yesterday, at eight A. M. Beachy Head bearing N. E. by E. distance about three or four leagues, I fell in with and captured La Penee French schooner privateer, mounting 2 four-pounders and 9 swivels, and carrying 32 men, sailed on Sunday last from Dieppe, and had not taken any thing. I am, Sir, &c.

ROB. LLOYD.

Joseph Peyton, Esq. Admiral
of the Blue, &c.

London.

JANUARY 29.

We understand that the sums subscribed now amount to about 150,000l. Besides the names we have already mentioned as subscribers, we are to add, the Cabinet Ministers, each 2000l.—Lord Romney 2000l. a year during the war—the Grocers Company 1000l.—the Corporation of Doncaster 1000l.—the Governor of the Bank 1000l. &c. &c.

A great number of small sums were paid into the Bank on Saturday for voluntary contributions. The principal subscribers were Lords Boston and Walsingham, 1000l. each, and the Bishop of Chester 1000l.

Two thousand pounds is the highest subscription we have yet heard of, except that of his Majesty. The Peers, we presume, have fixed two thousand as the maximum.

His Majesty's subscription of 20,000l. to defend the country, is no doubt, very liberal, and we trust it will serve to edear him to his subjects; but when we find an attempt made to prove that the Royal Income is only 65,000l. per annum, we think it necessary to make a fair statement of the matter—in calculating this sum, attention is to be paid only to that part of the Civil List which is appropriated to the immediate support of His Majesty. What then is become of the produce of the private estates purchased by Parliament; of the immense surplusage from Hanover, and numerous other sources of Royal Income? Great as his Majesty's income is, we are far from thinking it is too much, when we consider the absolute necessity that exists of maintaining the splendour of the British Crown, and duly supporting the rank and dignity of the first sovereign in the universe; when we find it asserted that 20,000l. is a full third of the King's annual income, we cannot suffer so gross an insult upon the country to pass without shewing the fallacy of the statement.—L. Packet.

There are two very substantial reasons why it is not in the power of a Great Personage to advance money out of the Civil List. The one is, that the money given by Parliament for that purpose is entrusted to the disposal of other persons:—And the second, perhaps not the least important, is the well-known fact of many arrears upon that list—a fact acknowledged by every person upon that list from a Chief Justice to a Beef-eater.

Lord Grenville has discharged ten servants, with other reforms.

A Swift gentleman on Friday arrived in town from Rochefort. He came by the way of Nantes, Rennes, and Hause: He left Caen on the 17th instant. Gen. Desaix had established the head-quarters of the army of England in that city; in its environs some loose bodies of troops were stationed, but their appearance by no means corresponded with the pompous declamations of the Executive Directory. The invasion of this country was the current topic, but the consequences of the projected conquest were more the objects of speculation than the means by which that event was to be effected. Our informant saw little serious preparation, and his observation, which was general and minute, led him to believe that much time must unavoidably elapse before any enterprise of moment can be attempted. Jersey, Guernsey, and Marouay, he considers as the more immediate objects of attack.

A new map of England has been published at Paris, in which those points are marked, where, from the landing of Julius Caesar to the present time, a successful descent has been made on this country. Every one of these, the French papers say, is a rallying point for the troops of the Republic.

A letter from Cassel, inserted in one of the French journals, says, that the regency of Hanover have sent away all the horses and other valuable effects belonging to the King of England. They have also, it is added, made an application for succour to the King of Prussia; but, from the ambiguous answer returned by that monarch, it is not difficult to infer, that the fate of that country is decided. The conjecture is that the Electorate will fall to the share of the Prussian Monarch, in return for the tacit permission which he has given to the Republic to control the commerce of Hamburg.—*Le Surveillant.*

The sum of money recently demanded by the Executive Directory from the Hanseatic towns of Hamburg, Lubec, and Bremen, by way of loan, as it is modestly called, is sixteen millions of mares Banco, which, according to the present course of Exchange, is 1,300,000l. Sterling. This demand was made in the first instance through M. Schuyter, the agent for Hamburg, resident at Paris, who transmitted it to his Senate. Leonard Bourdon's mission was for the purpose of enforcing this demand; and, it is supposed also, of overawing the Senate to stop all further intercourse with this country. The Senate has positively rejected the first of these demands; and, if the second has been made, it has of course refused that also.

Although it was generally rumoured that the French emigrants had been ordered to quit Hamburg, it does not appear that this news is authentic; and it seems doubtful whether any such order will be given.

It appears that the Hamburgers were not without very serious alarms for the fate of that city, and therefore wisely determined to send as much gold out of it as they could conveniently spare. Upwards of 500,000l. in specie, has been sent over to this country within the last fortnight. The mail-coaches from Yarmouth, both on Thurday and yesterday, were loaded with specie coming to the Bank.

According to the last letters from Brussels, a close chain of cantonments has been formed on the Flemish coast, from Ostend to Dutch Flanders, on the frontiers of the Dutch Republic, and also on the side of Luxembourg and Treves. The posts can communicate with each other by signals. All these precautions have for their object to prevent the introduction of English merchandizes, which were brought in great quantities by the Scheldt, and thence conveyed by armed men through the country. "There is no doubt," says the writer, "but that the English merchants will suffer much from this measure, and from the seizure of their goods; but it is not to be denied that commerce in general has received a severe shock from its operation."

The Dutch papers to the 16th instant do not contain any news; nor does it appear that at that time any steps had been taken respecting the seizure of English manufactures; but it was apprehended by several people that it would take place, as the Dutch government is situated as to be obliged to comply with whatever the French Directory requires, however prejudicial to its own interest.

NAUTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Orders are received for all ships of war at Spithead to be kept in such a state, as to be prepared to weigh anchor the instant they receive orders, night or day.

A letter from Barbadoes, dated December 17. 1797, says—"Yesterday came in a ship from Fayal, with wine for Government. She had only one man and two boys on board. The master and the rest of the crew were taken out the evening before by a French privateer brig. Before the boat could get back from the privateer, to take possession of the ship, a heavy squall came on, upon which the man (left on board) put the vessel before the wind, and came safe in here yesterday morning. Admiral Harvey is now here in the Prince of Wales, with the Tamer, Babet, and Requin. The Alfred, of 74 guns, is cruising to windward; the Tamer has orders also for that purpose."

Captain Foote, of the Beckford West Indianaman, which was lately cut out of the Downs, by a French gun-boat, arrived in town on Thurday night from France, where he has been detained a prisoner. He was all the time of his captivity in France suffered to walk about on his parole.

Captain Foote reports, that just before he quitted France, which was on Wednesday morning, an order had been issued for sending all the Americans out of France.

Previous to the loss of the Prince Frederick Indianaman, a child of seven years old absolutely expired in fits, occasioned by extreme terror at the falling of the masts. In firing signals of distress, Frederick Bowen, a seaman, had his right arm shot off. The French frigate, blown up by the Insurgent, was the Meduse, of 48 guns, which was so leaky as to be untenable. The Quarter Master who fell a victim to intemperance, was named Daniel Cooke. The whole of the crew saved amounted to 205 seamen, soldiers, women, and children.

Captain Clements of the navy is appointed to command the gun-vessels destined for the defence of the coast of Scotland, in the room of Captain Hope, who goes Lord Duncan's captain.

The American merchants held another meeting on Saturday; but we do not understand that any determination respecting the delicate proposal of applying to Government for a convoy has yet been come to. Ministers however, have so far made up their minds upon the subject, as to resolve to grant the convoy, should it be requested by the merchants.

We have received American papers of a late date, by a vessel which arrived off Dover on Saturday, after a passage of 27 days from New York. We extract the following articles:

NEW-YORK, DEC. 25.

A letter from a gentleman of Norfolk, to a member of Congress, dated 13th inst. says, "We have news from Cape Francois. Barney has sent his frigates to France, and he is now Judge of the Tribunal in prize causes, since which several American vessels bound to, and coming from British ports (such as were so before the war) are not to be condemned. Several had been released, and most of the privateers laid up. This is in consequence of late orders from France. Captain Huston, of the brig Amelia, of Philadelphia, arrived here to-day with this information."

The following is another extract of a letter from a gentleman of Norfolk to another member of Congress, dated the 12th inst.—"The only news of importance we have at present came to hand this day by an arrival from the West Indies—it is, that Commodore Barney is appointed Chief Judge of the Court of Admiralty of

the Cape, and that he had already issued a proclamation forbidding the capture of American vessels bound to any British port whatever, except such as are styled rebel ports."

On Saturday morning, about four o'clock, the ship Powhatan, Capt. Schaw, 70 days from Liverpool for this port, was stranded on the south breaker off the bar.

The Powhatan, about three weeks before, had carried away her main mast and sprung her foremast, and getting into soundings at night, with the wind at N. E. had not sail sufficient to work her off, until day light, and was drifted on shore by the tide. Shortly after striking, she bilged and filled; and when the Captain and crew were taken from her by Captain M'Ihenny, in his pilot-boat, she had four feet water in her cabin.

She had a very valuable cargo on board, consisting of dry goods and salt, which is supposed to have been worth at least 25,000l. sterling; and fortunately for our city, it was insured in England.

Four or five schooners, sloops and boats have gone down to save such part of the cargo as may be possible, and it is expected that the greater part of the goods will be recovered, (though damaged), if the weather continues as moderate as it has been, as they were floated between decks and in the after hold.

Mr M'Ihenny's pilot boat, and a boat of Mr Chambers, yesterday brought up valuable freights saved from the wreck.

Two Hamburg mails are now again due.—Their arrival is expected with the greater anxiety, as various reports have been in circulation for several days, which involve very important facts.

It appears to be admitted on all hands that Government have received intimation that the King of Prussia is determined to preserve inviolate the German boundary; meanwhile, new plans of partition are forming, which have for their object the defeat of those submitted by France, so that at any rate it appears certain the lesser continental Powers are destined to destruction, that the greater may be repaid in some sort, the expenses of the struggle they have endured in the cause of humanity and justice!

We are assured, that the Senate of Hamburg have refused the loan to France; if this be true, they must look with confidence to be supported by the Northern Powers in the neighbourhood.—A short time must determine whether there is any truth in these statements.

It does not appear by the Portsmouth letters of this day that Admiral Thompson's fleet had returned to port yesterday. The report that the Brett squadron is at sea does not obtain much credit.

ARMY PAY OFFICE.—It appears that the plan respecting these offices is at last finally settled by Government. We understand that, at Midsummer next, a public office is to be established, at which the whole of the business is to be transacted. The accounts are to be completed every six months; and every officer, both on full and half pay, with all the subalterns and soldiers, will punctually receive their pay in the course of the succeeding month. From this plan, a great saving to the nation is expected to arise.

Among the elements of an impending revolution in Switzerland may be classed the establishment of a club at Basle, under the title of Patriotic Union. The first meeting consisted of 32 citizens, 24 of whom were members of the Great Council. The meeting was of opinion, that a revolution is necessary; and that consequently the members of the Great Council, who were present, shall renew in the Council the motion, already made before, to grant absolute liberty of speaking and writing on political questions, without the least restriction.

The subject for which a General Court of Proprietors of East India Stock is called for on Tuesday next, relates to the recent appointment of the Hon. Frederick North to the government of the island of Ceylon. The Proprietors who have called the meeting assert, that this appointment is contrary to the Company's charter, which does not allow His Majesty to appoint to any place beyond the Cape of Good Hope, without the Company's consent.

Lieutenant-Colonel Leighton, of the 46th foot, was on Monday brought to a General Court Martial, at Colchester, by Lieutenant-Colonel Bell of the same regiment.

The establishment of agents for the care of our prisoners in France is now complete. Captain Cotes is to be the chief. There are to be four subordinate agents, with each a commissary or clerk: These agents are Messrs. Wilkie, Dent, Payne, and Edwards.

ASSESSED TAXES.

The following paper is distributed, by order of Government, to the Collectors of the Districts.

By virtue of an act of the 38th George III. intituled, "An act for granting to His Majesty an aid and contribution for the prosecution of the war."

PERSONS OCCUPYING HOUSES IN WHICH THERE ARE SHOPS, OR WHICH ARE USUALLY LET TO LODGERS,

If the amount now paid to the different house and window duties, dog duty, clock and watch duty, is under 31.—exempted.

At 31. and under 51. — 1-10th, or from 0 6 0 to 0 10 0.

51. — 1-5th, — 1 0 0 to 1 10 0.

71. 10s. — 1-3rd, — 1 17 6 to 2 10 0.

101. — 1-2nd, — 5 0 0 to 6 5 0.

121. 10s. — 1-1st, — 9 7 6 to 11 5 0.

151. — 1-1st, — 15 0 0 to 20 0 0.

201. — 1-1st, — 25 0 0 to 31 5 0.

251. — 1-1st, — 37 10 0 to 45 0 0.

301. and upwards, — 2-, 60 and upwards.

And in no case more than twice the amount.

PERSONS OCCUPYING HOUSES NOT HAVING SHOPS, NOR USUALLY LETTING LODGINGS

If the amount now paid to the different house and window duties, dog duty, clock and watch duty, under 31.—exempted.

At 31. and under 51. — 1-, or from 0 5 0 to 0 10 0.

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71. 10s. — 1-, — 2 5 0 to 3 15 0.

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151. — 1-, — 20 0 0 to 25 0 0.

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251. — 1-, — 45 0 0 to 60 0 0.

301. — 1-, — 70 0 0 to 105 0 0.

401. — 1-, — 120 0 0 to 160 0 0.

451. — 1-, — 180 0 0 to 225 0 0.

501. and upwards, — 1-, 250 and upwards.

Persons keeping any Male Servant, Pleasure Horse, or Carriage, where the amount of the duty is under 25l., to pay a sum equal to three times the amount of their present payment.

At 25l. and under 30l. — 3-, or from 87 10 to 105 0.

30l. — 4-, — 120 0 0 to 160 0 0.

40l. — 4-, — 180 0 0 to 225 0 0.

THE BISHOP OF LANDAFF'S PAMPHLET.

AN ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE OF GREAT BRITAIN,
BY E. WATSON, LORD BISHOP OF LANDAFF.

We present our readers with an extract from this work, which is one of the most animated, yet temperate appeals to the spirit of Britons, that we have seen. The Right Reverend author thus begins his address.

" MY FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN,

" The sentiments which I shall, in this address, take the liberty of stating to you on some interesting points, will, I hope, meet with your candid attention; if not from their worth, from the consideration that they are the sentiments of an independent man. I am neither the friend nor enemy of any party in the State; and am so far an impractical man, that on all public questions of importance, I will follow the dictates of my own individual judgment. No favour which I could receive from this, or from any administration, would induce me to support measures which I disliked; nor will any neglect I may experience impel me to oppose measures which I approve.

" A new system of finance has this year been introduced; and I fairly own it has my approbation as far as it goes. It has given great discontent to many; but it has given none to me. I lament, as every man must do, the necessity of imposing so heavy a burden on the community; and, with a family of eight children, I shall feel its pressure as much as most men; but I am so far from censuring the Minister for having done so much, that I sincerely wish he had done a great deal more. In the present situation of Great Britain, and of Europe, palliatives are of no use; half measures cannot save us. Instead of calling for a tenth of a man's income, I wish the Minister had called a tenth part, or for such other portion of a man's whole property as would have enabled him not merely to make a temporary provision for the war, but to have paid off, in a few years, the whole or the greatest part of the national debt.

" A million a year has been wisely set apart for the reduction of the debt; and, had we continued at peace, its operation would have been beneficially felt in a few years; but, in our present circumstances, and with an expectation of the recurrence of war at short periods, it is not one, two, or three millions a year, that can preserve us from bankruptcy. We had better struggle to effect the extinction of the debt in five years than in fifty, though our exertion during the shorter period should be proportionately greater.

" A nation is but a collection of individuals united into one body for mutual benefit; and a national debt is a debt belonging to every individual, in proportion to the property he possesses; and every individual may be justly called upon for his quota towards the liquidation of it. No man, relatively speaking, will be either richer or poorer by this payment being generally made, for riches and poverty are relative terms; and when all the members of a community are proportionably reduced, the relation between the individuals, as to the quantum of each man's property remaining unaltered, the individuals themselves will feel no elevation or depression in the scale of society. When all the foundations of a great building sink uniformly, the symmetry of the parts is not injured; the pressure on each member remains as it was—no rupture is made: the building will not be lost, but it may stand on a better bottom. It does not require an oracle to inform us (though an oracle has said it), that riches have been the ruin of every country; they banish the simplicity of manners, they corrupt the morals of a people, and they invite invaders. If we pay the national debt, we may not live quite so luxuriously as we have done; but this change will be no detriment either to our virtue as men, or to our safety as members of society.

" I consider the property of men united in society so far to belong to the State, that any portion of it may be justly called for by the Legislature, for the promotion of the common good; and it is then most equitably called for, when all individuals possessing property of any kind, contribute in proportion to their possessions. This is a principle so obviously just, that it is attended to as much as possible in every scheme of finance; and it would be the universal rule of taxation in every country, could the property of individuals be exactly ascertained. Much objection is made to the obliging men to discover the amount of their property; but I have never heard a sufficient reason in support of the objection. I can see a reason why merchants, tradesmen, contractors, money-jobbers, who deal in large speculations on credit, and without an adequate capital, should be unwilling to disclose their property; but I do not so clearly see what mischief would arise to the community if they were obliged to do it.

" The value of every man's landed property is easily known; the value of his monied property in the Funds is known; and his monied property in mortgages and bonds might as easily be known, if an act of Parliament was passed, rendering no mortgage or bond legal which was not registered. The greatest difficulty would be in ascertaining the value of stock in trade: but a jury of Neighbours co-operating with the probity of merchants and manufacturers, and that regard for character which generally distinguishes men in business, would settle that point.

" I have lately conversed with a variety of men, in different stations, and in different parts of the kingdom, and have scarcely met with one among the landed gentry, and with none among the manufacturers, tradesmen, farmers, and artificers of the country, who has not declared that he had much rather pay his portion of the principal of the National Debt, than be harassed with the taxes devised for the payment of the interest of it. This is true patriotism, and good sense; and were we in our present circumstances to discharge the whole, or the greatest part of the National Debt, all Europe would admire our magnanimity; and France herself would tremble at the idea of subjugating so highly-spirited a people.

" The Minister, I am persuaded, is too enlightened not to have considered this subject; and objections may have occurred to him which have not occurred to me. I have ventured to state it for general consideration, that it may not be quite new, if we should at length be compelled to have recourse to such an expedient. There would be some difficulty in ascertaining every

man's property; but where there is a willing mind to remove difficulties, they are seldom unsurmountable. The modifications which the bill for increasing the affected taxes has undergone, are numerous, and in general judicious; and are a proof that the most perplexing difficulties yield to impartial and deliberative wisdom.

" One modification has not been noticed; at least I have not seen it stated so clear a manner as it might be stated; and I will mention it, as not undeserving attention, if the business should ever be resumed in another form.—Permanent income arises either from the rent of land, or from the interest of money, or from an annuity. The annuitants are very numerous in the kingdom. Possessors of entailed estates, widows with jointures, the bishops and clergy, the judges, and possessors of patent places during life, the officers of the army and navy, and many others under different denominations, support themselves upon property terminating with their lives.

" The lives of possessors of annuities may, taking the old and the young together, be worth twelve years purchase. An annuitant then, who has an income of 1000l., and no other property, is worth 1200l. so that, in paying a tenth of this income, he pays an hundred and twentieth part of his whole property. A person possessed of an income of 1000l. arising from a property of 2000l. let out at an interest of 5 per cent. in paying a tenth of this income, pays a two hundredth part of his property.

" A person possessing an income of 1000l. arising from land, in paying a tenth of his income, pays (estimating land at thirty years purchase) a three hundredth part of his property. Men under these different descriptions pay equally, though their properties are unequal in the proportion of six, ten, and fifteen.

" Much objection also has on all hands been made to the touching of the funds by taxation; but I own that I do not see any sufficient reason why property in the funds may not be as justly as any other property subject to the disposal of the legislature. I make this observation with perfect impartiality; for a considerable part of the little property I possess is in the funds;—Parliament has pledged the nation to the payment of the interest of the money which has been borrowed, till the principal is paid off; but when the debt is become so great that the rental of the kingdom will scarcely pay the interest of it, I do not see any breach of contract, any want of equity in the legislature of the country laying to the public creditor, "The possessors of land are giving up a tenth or a twentieth part of all they are worth for the public service."

The possessors of houses, of stock in trade, of morgages and bonds, are doing the same thing—what reason can be given why you should be exempted?—You plead the faith of Parliament. Be it so! Parliament preserves its faith with you; for if Parliament should with one hand pay you your principal, it might lay hold of it with the other, and make you as liable as other men possessing money, to pay your proportion; and does it not come to the same thing, whether your whole principal is paid, and a portion of it is taken back again, or whether your principal is diminished by that portion, and you receive the stipulated interest till the remainder is discharged?

" Frederick II. in speaking of France about twenty years ago, observed that there were allowing that ascendancy in the affairs of Europe which she had possessed from the time of Henry IV.—the enormity of her debt,—exhausted resources—and taxes multiplied in an excessive manner. The two last are the offspring of the first; but the Monarch's observation is applicable to every other nation under the same circumstances, and to ourselves as well as to others.—If we pay our debt by judicious installments, we shall neither run the risk of the Government being broken up as it was in France, by the discontents of the people, and an inability to go on; nor shall we cripple our commerce by the high price of labour and provisions; nor shall we be depopulated by emigrations to America or France; but we shall prefer the importance we possess in Europe, and renovate the strength and vigour of the body politic."

" But I will not detain you longer on this point, there is another, of great importance, to which I wish to turn your attention.

" Whatever doubts I formerly entertained, or (notwithstanding all I have read or heard on the subject) may still entertain, either on the justice or the necessity of commencing this war in which we are engaged, I entertain none on the present necessity and justice of continuing it. Under whatever circumstances the war was begun, it is now become just; since the enemy has refused to treat, on equitable terms, for the restoration of peace. Under whatever circumstances of expediency or inexpediency the war was commenced, its continuance is now become necessary; for what necessity can be greater than that which arises from the enemy having threatened us with destruction as a nation?

" Here I may, probably, be told that, allowing the war to be just, it is still not necessary, but perfectly inexpedient. I may have it rung in my ears that the French are an over-match for us; that it is better to submit at once to the most ignominious terms of peace than to face another Brennus weighing out the bullion of the Bank, and insulting the misery of the nation with a "woe to the vanquished." I admit the conclusion of the alternative to be just, but I do not admit the truth of the principle from which it is derived—I do not admit that the French are an over-match for us.

" I am far enough from affecting knowledge in military matters; but every man knows that men and money are the sinews of war, and that victory in the field is achieved by the valour of troops and the skill of commanders. Now in which of these four particulars is France our superior? You will answer at once, she is superior in the number of men. The population, I know, of the two countries has been generally estimated in the proportion of three to one; but though this should be admitted to have been the true proportion of the population, and of the men capable of bearing arms, in the beginning of the war, I think it is not the true proportion at present. Both countries have lost great numbers; but France, instead of losing three times, has, I apprehend, lost above ten times as many men as we have done; so that the proportion of men capable of bearing arms remaining in France, compared with what Great Britain can furnish, does not, I am persuaded, exceed that of two to one. And, were

there even a bridge over the channel, France durst not make an incursion with half her numbers. She knows how ready her neighbours would be to revenge the injuries they have sustained—how ready her own citizens would be to regain the blessings they have lost, could they once see all her forces occupied in a distant country. France, I repeat it over, were there even a bridge from Calais to Dover, could not send even to the field as many men as we could oppose against her.

" But, it may be urged, all the men in France are soldiers—No; some are left to till the ground, some to sustain the languors of her commerce, some to perish in prison, deplored the misery of their country. So many, I acknowledge, are become soldiers in France, that we must, in a great degree imitate her example. Every man who can be spared from the agriculture, the manufactures, and the commerce of the country, must become a soldier, if we mean to face the enemy in a proper manner, if empire or servitude are to be fairly fought for.

" As to money, I need not enter into any comparative discussion on that head. France has no means within herself of providing for her armies.—She intends to send them into this country, either that she may pay them, as she has done in Italy, by plunder, or, in the true spirit of despair, cancel her debts by sacrificing the persons of her soldiers.

" With respect to the valour of the French troops, I have nothing to object. I know it is a favourite opinion with many, that the French are now what their ancestors were in the time of Caesar, "that in the first onset they are more than men, but in the second less than women." But it appears to me, I must confess, that in this war the French have sustained with courage many onsets:—Praise is due to the gallantry even of an enemy. But if I were asked, whether an equal number of Englishmen would beat these conquerors of Italy, I would answer, as an English ambassador answered a King of Prussia, when, at a review of his forces, he asked the ambassador, "Whether he thought that an equal number of Englishmen could beat his Prussians?"

" I cannot tell (replied the ambassador) whether an equal number would beat them; but I am certain half the number would try."—I have the firmest confidence, that fifty thousand Englishmen, fighting for their wives and children, for their liberty and property, as individuals, for the independence and constitution of their country, would, without hesitation, attack an hundred thousand Frenchmen.

" As to the relative skill of the commanders, it would ill become me to give any opinion upon that point. If I were to admit that the French generals are not inferior to our own in martial ability, yet in the local knowledge of the country, and in the correctness and fidelity of the information they will receive, ours will certainly have the advantage.

" But if the French are not our superiors, either in men or money, in the valour of their soldiers, or the skill of their commanders, what have we to apprehend, should we be forced to fight them on our own ground? A thousand evils, no doubt, attend a country becoming the seat of war, to which we are strangers, and to which, through the good providence of God, and the energy of our navy, we shall long, I trust, continue strangers. But should the matter happen otherwise, should the enemy, by any untoward accident, land their forces, I see no reason why we should despair of our country, if we are only faithful to ourselves; if, forgetting all party animosity, we stand collected as one man against them.

" Many honest men, I am sensible, have been alarmed into a belief, that were the French to invade this country, they would be joined by great numbers of discontented men. This is not my opinion. That they would be joined by a few of the worst men in the country, by thieves and robbers, and outcasts of society, is probable enough; but that any individual, possessing either property or character, that any respectable body of men, would so far indulge their discontents, as to ruin their country and themselves, in gratifying their resentment, is what nothing but experience can convince me of.

" I have heard of a dissenter in Yorkshire, (a man of great wealth and estimation) who, on the last rejection of the petition for the repeal of the test-act, declared that he would go any lengths to carry his point—but I consider this declaration as made during the irritation of the moment, and as opposite to the general principles of that body of men. The dissenters have on trying occasions shewn their attachment to the house of Brunswick and the principles of the revolution; and I should think myself guilty of calumny, if I should say that they had in any degree abandoned either their attachment or their principles, or were disposed to join the invaders of their country.

" There is another set of men whom it seems the fashion of the day to represent as enemies of the state, to stigmatize as republicans, levellers, jacobins. But vulgar traducition of character, party-coloured representation of principle, make no impression on my mind; nor ought they to make any impression on yours. The most respectable of those who are anxious for the reform of Parliament have not, in my judgment, any views hostile to the constitution. They may, perhaps, be mistaken in believing an effectual reform practicable, without a revolution; but few of them, I am persuaded, would be disposed to attain their object with such a consequence accompanying it; and fewer still would wish to make the experiment under the auspices of a French invader.

" There may be some real republicans in the kingdom; their number, I am convinced, is extremely small; and they are, probably, republicans more in theory than practice; they are, probably, of the same sentiments with the late Dr Price, who, being asked a few months before his death, whether he really wished to see a republic established in England, answered in the negative. "He preferred," (he said) "a republican to a monarchical form of government, when the constitution was to be formed anew, as in America; but, in old established governments, such as England, he thought the introduction of a republic would cost more than it was worth, would be attended with more mischief than advantage."

" I have a firm persuasion that the French will find themselves disappointed, if they expect to be supported in their expedition by the discontented in this country. —They have already made a trial; the event of it should lower their confidence; the Welsh, of all den-

inations, rushed upon their Gallic enemies, with impetuosity of ancient Britons; they discomfited them in a moment; they covered them with shame, and led them into captivity. The common people in this fortunate island enjoy more liberty, more consequence, more comfort of every kind, than the common people of any other country; and they are not inferior in their solicitude; they will never erect a tree of liberty. They know it by its fruit; the bitter fruit of slavery, of contempt, oppression and poverty to themselves, and probably to their posterity.

" If Ireland is the object of invasion, France may enter herself, perhaps, with the expectation of being favourably received there than in Great Britain; but I trust the will be equally disappointed in both countries. I mean not to enter into the politics of Ireland; considering her as a sister kingdom, I cannot wholly omit advertizing to her situation.

" I look upon England and Ireland as two bodies which are grown together, with different members and organs of sense, but nourished by the circulation of the same blood; whilst they continue united they will be strong and prosper; but if they suffer themselves to be separated by the force or cunning of an enemy; if the quarrel and tear themselves asunder, both will infallibly perish. Would to God, that there were equity and moderation enough among the nations of the earth, to suffer small states to enjoy their independence; but the history of the world is little else than the history of great states sacrificing small ones to their avarice or ambition; and the present designs of France, throughout Europe, confirm the observation. If Ireland is to listen to her resentments (however it has originated) against this kingdom; if she so far indulges her chagrin against her own legislature, as to seek for redress by throwing herself into the arms of France, she will be undone, her freedom will be lost, she will be sunk in the scale of nations; instead of flourishing under the protection of a sister that loves her, she will be cast as a slave to the feet of the greatest despot that ever afflicted human kind—to the feet of French democracy.

" Let the malcontents of every nation in Europe look at Holland, and at Belgium. Holland was a hive of bees; her sons flew on the wings of the wind, every corner of the globe, and returned laden with the sweets of every climate. Belgium was a garden of herbs, the oxen were strong to labour, the fields were thickly covered with the abundance of the harvest—oh happy Dutchmen! You will still toil, but not for your own comfort; you will still collect honey, but not for yourselves; France will seize the hive as often as you industry shall have filled it. Ill-judging Belgians! you will no longer eat in security the fruits of your own grounds; France will find occasion, or will make occasion, to participate largely in your riches; it will be more truly said of yourselves than of your oxen, "you plough the fields, but not for your own profit."

France threatens us with the payment of what she calls a debt of indemnification; and the longer we resist her efforts to subdue us, the larger she says this debt will become; and she tells us, that all Europe knows that this debt must be paid one time or other.—And does she think that this flourish will frighten us? It ought to move our contempt; it ought to fire us with indignation, and, above all, it ought to instruct every man amongst us what we are to expect, if through treachery, cowardice, or division, we suffer her mad attempt to prove successful. She may not murder or carry into slavery the inhabitants of the land; but under the pretence of indemnification, she will demand millions upon tens of millions; she will beggar every man of property; and reduce the lower orders to the condition of her own peasants and artificers—black bread, onions, and water.

France wishes to separate the people from the throne; she inveighs, in harsh language, against the King and the Cabinet of St. James's, and speaks fair to the people of the land. But the people of the land are too wise to give heed to her professions of kindness. If there be a people in Europe on whom such practices are lost, it is ourselves. All our people are far better educated, have far juster notions of government, far more shrewdness in detecting the designs of those who would mislead them, than the people of any other country have, not excepting Switzerland itself. There is no cause to fear that French hypocrisy should be superior to British sagacity. Let France approach us with the courage of a lion, or with the cunning of a fox, we are equally prepared to meet her; we can resist her arms, and we can expose her artifice.

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